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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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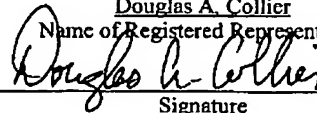
In response to the Final Office Action dated September 13, 2007, and Advisory Action dated November 2, 2007, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks. Non-entry of the amendment after final submitted October 25, 2007, is respectfully requested. A Request for Continued Examination is submitted herewith along with the required fee for the same. No additional fees or extensions of time are believed due for consideration of this response. However, please provide any extensions of time necessary and charge any additional fees which may be due to Deposit Account No. 12-2424, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

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